

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: March 08, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 08, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Jackson, Filippi and Richard.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Thornton, Walker and Sylvester.

Minutes: Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard, to accept the March 01, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160015: Katherine Sipala and John Perry appeared for the property located at 245 South Pier Road, Narragansett. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) David Arnold appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the Fire Department Access Road width to be fifteen (15) feet for the new athletic field. In granting the above variance, the Board directs the School Department to have a plan of action in place to keep this road clear for the fire apparatus to access this area, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160016: Tammy Laovie and Matthew McGeorge appeared for 15 Washington Street, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to table this case until April 19, 2016. The Board directs the Applicant and the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office to work out a plan of action to present to the Board to bring this facility into compliance. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150133A: Attorney Michael Voccola appeared for the property located at 113 Ocean Road, Narragansett. ADSFM David Arnold appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office.

Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to table this case until June 14, 2016. The Board advised the Applicant to work out a plan of action for sprinkler coverage in this facility with the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office and return to the Board with that plan of action. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL 160024: Steven Denoyelle and Judith Niebala appeared for the property located at 446 Moonstone Beach Road, South Kingstown. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a variance to have all manual fire alarm boxes protected with metal mesh covering due to one resident pulling the alarms. The Applicant advised the Board that if this resident no longer resides at this facility, all metal mesh covers will be removed immediately from the fire alarm boxes. In granting the above variance, the Board requires that every staff member carry a key to unlock the metal covering on fire alarm boxes. DSFM Kaitlyn Iannone stated she has no objection to the relief unless at any time the State or local fire marshal's office visits this facility and finds that a staff member does not have a key to open the mesh covering. At that time, all metal mesh coverings must be immediately removed from the fire alarm boxes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150074: Town of North Kingstown for the property located at 80 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown. Commissioner Richard

made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi and Vice Chairman Blackburn to reopen this file. The motion did not pass on a four (4) to three (3) vote, with Commissioners Pearson, Jackson and Booth opposing the vote. The motion was denied by the Board.

Old Business:

None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

None

Adjournment: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Desiree Campanini